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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 9-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 9-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 9-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Purcell (1,236,353), which shows all of the claimed limitations including, among other things,

1. A panel radiator, comprising an oblong radiation panel body 1,2,3; and an oblong steam generation unit 12 that has a length shorter than a length of said radiation panel body and that is located on a lower part of said radiation panel body (see at least figs. 1,2), said steam generation unit having a combustion unit 12 and a heat exchange unit 2, said combustion unit adapted to directly heat a working fluid 21; left and right steam introduction pipes 3 on an upper end of said steam generation unit respectively coupled with a lower end of left and right steam introduction headers of said radiation panel body, and a heat pipe constituted by the steam generation unit and panel body upon depressurization (see at least figs.).

9. A panel radiator according to claim 1, wherein one of said left and right steam introduction headers opens into a lower end of said radiation panel body, and the other opens into an upper end of said radiation panel body (see at least figs.).

10. A panel radiator according to claim 9, wherein said radiation panel body includes a plurality of tubular panel plates 3 in communication at both ends.

11. A panel radiator according to claim 10, wherein said radiation panel body includes a pair of front and back panel plates (see at least figs.).

12. A panel radiator according to claim 11, wherein a radiation fin 3 is provided between said pair of front and back panel plates.

13. A panel radiator according to claim 12, wherein a radiation fin 3 is provided on the front and back of said panel plates.

14. A panel radiator according to claim 13, wherein said steam generation unit is rectangular and said combustion unit is provided at one end of the rectangular steam generation unit to permit a pressure difference to be formed in said steam generation unit based on a thermal gradient (see at least fig. 1).

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15. A panel radiator according to claim 1, wherein said radiation panel body includes a plurality of tubular panel plates 3 in communication at both ends.
16. A panel radiator according to claim 15, wherein a radiation fin 3 is provided on the front and back of said panel plates.
17. A panel radiator according to claim 15, wherein said radiation panel body includes a pair of front and back panel plates 3.
18. A panel radiator according to claim 17, wherein a radiation fin is provided on the front and back of said panel plates 3.
19. A panel radiator according to claim 18, wherein said steam generation unit is rectangular and said combustion unit is provided at one end of the rectangular steam generation unit to permit a pressure difference to be formed in said steam generation unit based on a thermal gradient (see at least fig. 1).
20. A panel radiator according to claim 1, wherein said radiation panel body includes a pair of front and back panel plates 3.
21. A panel radiator according to claim 20, wherein a radiation fin 3 is provided between said pair of front and back panel plates.
22. A panel radiator according to claim 21, wherein said steam generation unit is rectangular and said combustion unit is provided at one end of the rectangular steam generation unit to permit a pressure difference to be formed in said steam generation unit based on a thermal gradient (see at least fig. 1).
23. A panel radiator according to claim 1, wherein said steam generation unit is rectangular and said combustion unit is provided at one end of the rectangular steam generation unit to permit a pressure difference to be formed in said steam generation unit based on a thermal gradient (see at least fig. 1).

Prior Art

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jones teaches a burner unit with many of the claimed components. Nevertheless, at this time there is no need to apply this reference.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alfred Basichas whose telephone number is 571 272 4871. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Tech Center telephone number is 571 272 3700.

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Primary Examiner